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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Timothy R. Ryan et al.

Examiner: William H. Matthews

Serial No.: 09/982,299

Group Art Unit: 3738

Filed: October 16, 2001

Docket No.: M190.137.101

Due Date: May 9, 2005

Title: ANNULOPLASTY BAND AND METHOD

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.114

Mail Stop RCE

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114:

☐ Previously submitted

☐ Consider the Amendment(s)/Reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)

☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

☐ Other _____

☒ Enclosed

☒ Amendment/Reply

☐ IDS and PTO Form-1449

☐ Affidavit(s) Declaration(s)

☒ Supplemental IDS and PTO Form-1449

Miscellaneous:

☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R.

1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(I) required)

☐ Other _____

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Fees: (The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. 1.114 when the RCE is filed).

☒ At any time during the pendency of this application, the Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 500471.

☒ RCE fee (\$790.00) required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e)

☐ Extension of Time fee (37 C.F.R. 1.126 and 1.17)

☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed.

☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2308 enclosed).

Customer No. 025281

By: _____

Name: Timothy A. Czaja

Reg. No.: 39,649

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.8:

The undersigned hereby certifies that this paper or papers, as described herein, are being deposited in the United States Postal Service, as first class mail, in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on this 9th day of May, 2005.

By _____

Name: Timothy A. Czaja